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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/57/553)*]

57/193. Indigenous people and issues

The General Assembly,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/22 of 28 July 2000, in which the Council established the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues,

Recalling also its resolution 56/140 of 19 December 2001 on the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, in which it welcomed Council decision 2001/316 of 26 July 2001 concerning the Forum,

Taking note of the report of the Forum on its first session, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 24 May 2002,[1]

Recalling that the Forum shall serve as an advisory body to the Council, with a mandate to discuss indigenous issues within the mandate of the Council relating to economic and social development, culture, the environment, education, health and human rights,

Taking note of Council resolution 2002/28 of 25 July 2002,

Wishing to strengthen, within the mandate of the Council, the interactive dialogue and partnership between the Forum and Governments, specialized agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, other relevant international and regional organizations, indigenous people and indigenous peoples, as well as civil society at large,

Invites the Secretary-General, on the basis of recommendations made by the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues through the Economic and Social Council, to consider providing advice to the General Assembly on the need to identify further ways to assist the Forum in carrying out its mandate in a successful and fruitful manner, including the possibility of seeking the views of adviser(s).

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[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 23* (E/2002/43/Rev.1).